

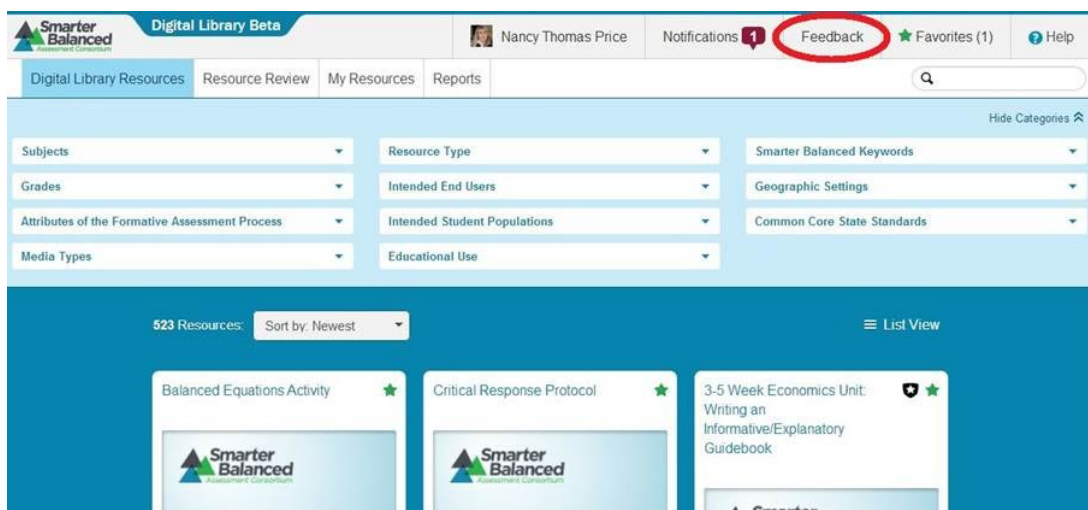
From: Nancy Thomas Price
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2014 5:05 PM
Subject: Preview Release of the Smarter Balanced Digital Library
Importance: High

Dear Superintendents, Charter School Administrators, District Testing Coordinators, Curriculum Directors and Principals,

I am very pleased to announce that on June 3rd the Digital Library from Smarter Balanced will be available for preview by Idaho educators. The Digital Library supports the formative assessment process, which is an integral part of a balanced assessment system, and extremely important at the classroom level. The Digital Library provides commissioned modules for Assessment Literacy and Instructional/Professional Learning. A third component involves Educational Resources that have been approved by educators from all Smarter Balanced states, including approximately 60 educators from Idaho.

There are two key messages about the preview period that you should share with your staff.

- ☐ The preview period gives us a chance to test the Library's functionality. Currently we know it works well with 1500 users. The preview period will help us find out how it functions with larger numbers of users. This is still in beta phase, so there may be glitches which we want to identify early and correct. Part of the purpose of the preview is to identify these glitches.
- ☐ The preview period gives users an opportunity to access an initial set of resources. Smarter Balanced State Network of Educator members will continue to populate the Library throughout the preview period. This means that the collection will grow over the course of the next few months. Please encourage educators to rate resources and to use the collaborative features like the forums to engage in collegial conversations, as well as provide **feedback** about the functionality and contents of the library.



Please note: (Update 5/30/2014, 2:53PM)

The Digital Library User Provisioning system will not be open for uploading files until 8:00 a.m. Eastern on June 3. Between now and June 3, Amplify is performing a software upgrade and integrating the State Leadership Teams and State Networks of Educators into the new single sign-on system. Please continue to prepare the spreadsheets and CSV files, but do not try to upload the files prior to June 3.

An updated User Provisioning Manual is attached to this email, along with a Q and A for states to share with districts. The update is on page 10 and is highlighted. The screenshot now reflects the text-based instructions.

We appreciate your support of the Digital Library Preview.

Attached you will find a flyer about the Digital Library, as well as the Provisioning Manual (upd. 5/30) and Template. You will need to submit information about any and all users that you wish to have access for the preview. Please use your technology staff to help with this process. Once the template has been submitted following the instructions in the manual, Smarter Balanced will complete the process by contacting each user with login information.

Please note the following when completing the template.

- Please do not to alter the headers (positions or case sensitivity).
- Please use case sensitive option sets when available.
- There should only be one NOTIFY line in the document. The email address associated with that line will receive ALL notifications about the success or failure of provisioning. The NOTIFY line is not used for any other purpose (provisioning or otherwise).
- If an incorrect email address is used upon setup, the only way to correct is to DEL that email record and then ADD the correct email address record. This would be the case for mistyped email addresses or email addresses that change domains. (i.e. user switching Districts)

Helpdesk information is noted on Page 14 of the Provisioning Manual.

We understand that many staff members are leaving or have left for summer break. The Library preview will be available until September 30th. Please watch for additional information about Digital Library training and integration into other professional development events. It is very user friendly and educators should be able to explore the library by going through the brief tutorial at log in.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions about the Digital Library.

Best regards,
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"However beautiful the strategy, you should occasionally look at the results."

...Winston Churchill